

# Congressional Art Competition



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Each spring, a nationwide high school arts competition is sponsored by members of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Artistic Discovery Contest is an opportunity to recognize and encourage the artistic talent across the nation, as well as in our own congressional district.

The Artistic Discovery Contest is open to all high school students in Iowa's 1<sup>st</sup> District. The winning artwork of our district's competition will be displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol. The exhibit in Washington will include the winning artwork from all participating districts from

around the country. The winning artwork is also featured on House.gov's [Congressional Art Competition](#) page.

## **RULES SUMMARY**

2023 rules and regulations for students and teachers are available [HERE](#).

Artwork entered in the contest may be up to 28 inches by 28 inches, may be up to four inches in depth, and must not weigh more than 15 pounds. If your artwork is selected as the winning piece, it must arrive framed and must still measure no larger than the above maximum dimensions.

Artwork accepted includes:

- Paintings - including oil, acrylics, and watercolor
- Drawings - including pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, and markers (It is recommended that charcoal and pastel drawings be fixed.)
- Collages - must be two dimensional
- Prints - including lithographs, silkscreen, and block prints
- Mixed Media - use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
- Computer-generated art
- Photography

All entries must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo or image (including a painting, graphic, or advertisement) that was created by someone other than the student is a violation of the competition rules and will not be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).

## **2023 SUBMISSION INFORMATION**

### DEADLINE:

To enter this contest, students should submit no more than two pieces of two-dimensional artwork, along with the [\*\*student information and release form\*\*](#), by May 1, 2023 at 5 p.m. PT.

### HOW TO SUBMIT:

There are two ways to submit artwork for the competition: via email OR in-person at the district office.

1. Please email photos of the artwork (as a .jpeg file), along with the student release form, to Matt Brady at [Matt.Brady@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matt.Brady@mail.house.gov)
2. *OR*, artwork submissions can be submitted in-person at the DISTRICT OFFICE

Additional questions should be sent via email to Matt Brady at [Matt.Brady@mail.house.gov](mailto:Matt.Brady@mail.house.gov), or by calling the office at (202) 225-6576.